(c) whether these orphanages are inspected from time to time;

(d) whether there is any provision of keeping track of the children's future after their adoption; and

(e) if so, the details of the shortcomings found during the last three years, till date, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) State Governments have been asked to register all orphanages in their jurisdiction under any legislation or rules that may be prevalent in the State and to constantly monitor the activities of the orphanages to ensure that only those who are recognized or registered are allowed to take up such activities.

(c) State Governments have been advised to undertake regular inspections.

(d) and (e) Central Adoption Resource Agency, keeps track of children given for inter-country adoption through follow up reports for a period of 5 years. This system has been working satisfactorily. With regard to in-country adoptions the concerned adoption agencies and orphanages are required to monitor the follow up progress of the child.

Representations from various castes for inclusion in OBC list

3591. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from various castes organizations from Tamil Nadu to include their castes in OBC list for the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Schemes for minorities

3592. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minorities especially Muslims are getting lowest priority in the schemes and programmes of Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of the work done/being done for the Muslims; and

(d) the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the 15-Point Programme for welfare of minorities, action is being taken for welfare of all minorities including the Muslims. Besides, this Ministry is implementing following schemes for the welfare of minorities including the Muslims:—

(i) **The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation** has disbursed Rs. 388.84 crore as term loan to cover 1,08,654 beneficiaries and Rs. 6.73 crore as micro finance to cover 46,587 beneficiaries.

(ii) **Maulana Azad Education Foundation** has disbursed Rs. 49.40 crores to 406 NGOs upto March, 2002.

(iii) **The Central Wakf Council** has disbursed Rs. 22 crore to 103 projects for development of Urban Wakf Properties. The Council has also disbursed Rs. 1.47 crore under educational schemes during 2001-2002.

(iv) **Scheme of Pre-Examination coaching for weaker sections based on economic criteria:** Under the the Pre-Examination Coaching Scheme, Rs. 14.84 crores were disbursed to over 42,050 so far.

Observations of NMC on Gujarat incidents

3593. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Minorities Commission has made strong adverse observations on the manner in which things have been handled by the State Government during the communal carnage in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted these recommendations;

(d) if so, the course of action adopted to implement them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?